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THIRD QUARTER MILK PRODUCTION

WEST VIRGINIA -- Milk production in West Virginia totaled 56 million pounds during the July - September quarter of 2003. This was down 4 million pounds from the same quarter last year and 2 million pounds below the April - June 2003 quarter. The number of dairy cows averaged 15,000 head, unchanged from the previous quarter and the same quarter last year.

UNITED STATES – Milk production in the U.S. during the July-September quarter totaled 41.5 billion pounds, down 0.6 percent from the July-September quarter last year. The average number of milk cows in the U.S. during the quarter was 9.07 million head, 88,000 head less than the same period last year.